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SUBJECT:EGYPTIAN PLANS RE CONSTRUCTION AT E-1
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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO "SMOKE OUT"
GAMASY ON GOE THINKING RE CONTINUATION OF CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITY AT E-1. BROADER DISCUSSION OF FINANCING OF
EGYPTIAN PURCHASES OF U.S. ORIGIN MILITARY AND MILITARY-
RELATED EQUIPMENT MIGHT BE SUITABLE SETTING FOR PROBING
HIS THOUGHTS ON FUTURE OF E-1. (WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS WE
PLAN TO HAVE ANOTHER MESSAGE FOR YOU RE FINANCING ARRANGE-
MENTS; IF POSSIBLE, YOU MAY WISH TO HOLD OFF MEETING GAMASY
UNTIL THIS MESSAGE IN HAND.)

2. IN DISCUSSING GOE PLANS FOR E-1 WITH GAMASY, YOU SHOULD
NOTE THAT USG IS NOT PRESSURING EGYPTIANS TO PROCEED WITH
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COSTLY CIVIL CONSTRUCTION PARTICULARLY IF EGYPTIAN EVALU-
ATION OF NEGOTIATING PROCESS LEADS THEM TO CONCLUDE PROS-
PECTS ARE GOOD FOR EARLY RELOCATION OF SURVEILLANCE SITE.
THIS IS MATTER FOR GOE TO DECIDE, AND OUTCOME IS ESSENTIALLY
LINKED TO DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN EGYPTIANS AND
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